

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair clearly has a vested interest in seeing John Kerry defeated so it can continue to expand its empire. The FCC needs to prove it can stay above politics and act in the interest of ALL Americans, not just those of only one political party. We have only to look back to Nazi Germany or even the Russia of today to see the danger of mixing politics with policies affecting the press.

Sincererly,
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